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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THE reader will at once perceive that this Life is only edited, not written, by me ; and that letters have been inserted, and things have been said by another, which would not have been admissible had I been the Author.

And here my most sincere thanks are due to the Author of this Memoir for the time and labour so ungrudgingly bestowed upon the work—a labour which I know has been one of love.

Here too I must thank those many friends—too numerous to particularise—who have contributed letters : their kindness has enabled us to put forth a history of my father's work and to state his views entirely in his own words. It has been necessary, of course, to select only a few letters out of his vast correspondence for insertion in the text, yet the many which do not appear have been most useful in affording a more complete insight into the various interests and transactions of his busy life. It is a matter of regret that the work has been delayed, and in a measure marred, by the very late arrival of valuable letters, some of which indeed only reached us when the book was already in the press.

The work itself, as a mere record of a not unimportant period in the history of the Church, will I trust have its due interest for the Christian public.

But more especially do I hope that one of the fruits of this undertaking will be that many an impartial reader—whilst he studies the motives and principles which were so manifestly from the Bishop's earliest years the controlling motives and guiding principles of his life, and whilst he observes those anxious, thoughtful, prayerful weighings of every step which were as plainly his constant life-long rule—will allow some of those mists with which a misjudging world had surrounded him in life to disperse around his grave.

I will only further add, that in putting forth a work of this nature, which requires so much judgment, and which must necessarily tread upon such delicate ground, we cannot expect to escape criticism. Conscious, however, that God's Truth has been the aim throughout, it only now remains to offer all to Him, with the humble prayer that what has been done may tend solely to His Honour and Glory and the edification of His Holy Church.

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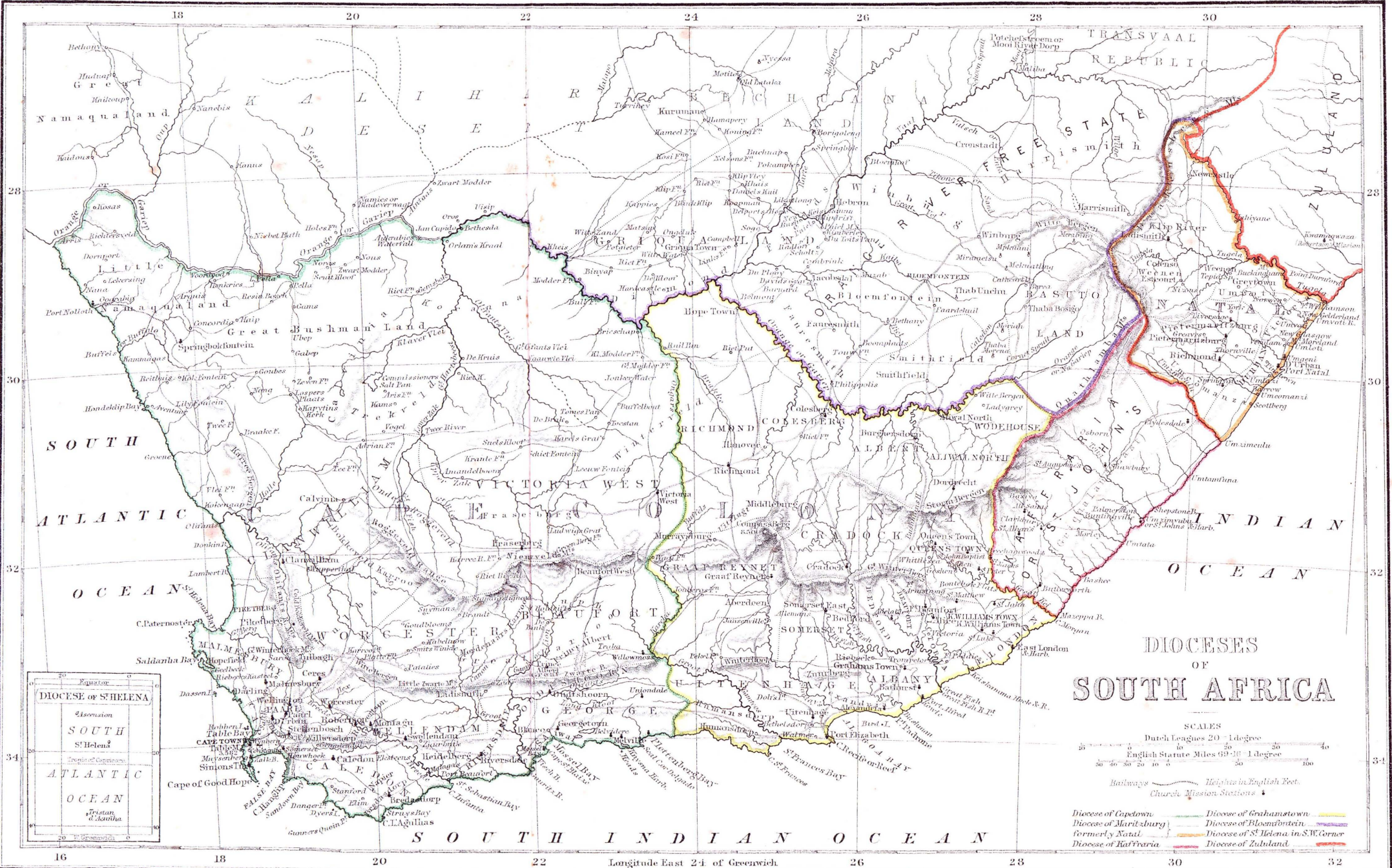
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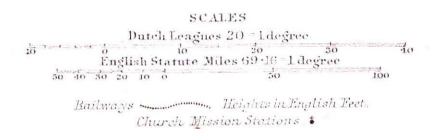
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